

53-11-108 Licensure -- Basic qualifications.

An applicant for licensure under this chapter shall meet the following qualifications:

- (1) An applicant shall be:
 - (a) at least 21 years of age;
 - (b) a citizen or legal resident of the United States; and
 - (c) of good moral character.
- (2) An applicant may not:
 - (a) have been convicted of:
 - (i) a felony;
 - (ii) any act involving illegally using, carrying, or possessing a dangerous weapon;
 - (iii) any act of personal violence or force on any person or convicted of threatening to commit any act of personal violence or force against another person;
 - (iv) any act constituting dishonesty or fraud;
 - (v) impersonating a peace officer; or
 - (vi) any act involving moral turpitude;
 - (b) be on probation, parole, community supervision, or named in an outstanding arrest warrant; or
 - (c) be employed as a peace officer.
- (3) If previously or currently licensed in another state or jurisdiction, the applicant shall be in good standing within that state or jurisdiction.
- (4)
 - (a) The applicant shall also have completed a training program of not less than 16 hours that is approved by the board and includes:
 - (i) instruction on the duties and responsibilities of a licensee under this chapter, including:
 - (A) search, seizure, and arrest procedure;
 - (B) pursuit, arrest, detainment, and transportation of a bail bond suspect; and
 - (C) specific duties and responsibilities regarding entering an occupied structure to carry out functions under this chapter;
 - (ii) the laws and rules relating to the bail bond business;
 - (iii) the rights of the accused; and
 - (iv) ethics.
 - (b) The program may be completed after the licensure application is submitted, but shall be completed before a license may be issued under this chapter.
- (5) If the applicant desires to carry a firearm as a licensee, the applicant shall:
 - (a) successfully complete a course regarding the specified types of weapons he plans to carry. The course shall:
 - (i) be not less than 16 hours;
 - (ii) be conducted by any national, state, or local firearms training organization approved by the Criminal Investigations and Technical Services Division created in Section 53-10-103; and
 - (iii) provide training regarding general familiarity with the types of firearms to be carried, including:
 - (A) the safe loading, unloading, storage, and carrying of the types of firearms to be concealed; and
 - (B) current laws defining lawful use of a firearm by a private citizen, including lawful self-defense, use of deadly force, transportation, and concealment; and
 - (b) shall hold a valid license to carry a concealed weapon, issued under Section 53-5-704.

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